

ASA Girl's 18U "A" Northern National Championship

Manager's Information Packet

July 29 - August 2, 2015

Killian Stadium & Softball Complex



Welcome to Springfield, MO

In the heart of America is a community that captures the hearts of residents and visitors alike. Springfield, Missouri sits atop a plateau of the oldest mountain range in the country, the Ozark Mountains. Surrounded by rolling hills, the city offers you the best in metropolitan and outdoor adventures, making it a perfect family destination.

Springfield welcomes you with a unique mix of large city amenities and small town hospitality. With nearly 420,000 people in the metropolitan area and millions of tourists each year, Springfield is rich with interesting and entertaining attractions, 6,300 hotel rooms, 800 dining options and a variety of shopping and cultural activities.

Population: Third largest city in Missouri. According to the 2010 census, the city population is 159,498.

Weather: Summer: 65 – 88 degrees F

Education:	Springfield Public Schools	24,400 students
	Missouri State University	22,400 students
	Ozarks Technical Community College	15,000 students
	Drury University	5,000 students
	Evangel University	1,800 students

History:

- *Springfield was incorporated in 1838
- *The “Trail of Tears” passed through Springfield as the Cherokee Nation was forcibly marched to Oklahoma.
- *The first major civil war battle west of the Mississippi River was fought on August 10, 1861. The Battle of Wilson’s Creek is located on the Southwest edge of Springfield. In January 1863, the Battle of Springfield took place. Two years after the war ended, the Springfield National Cemetery was created, having both Northern and Southern soldiers buried side by side.
- * Officially recognized as the birthplace of Route 66, it was in Springfield on April 30, 1938.

Attractions: Four of the 54 attractions in Springfield are...

**Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World National Headquarters.* The “Granddaddy” of all the outdoor stores and still the largest with over 300,000 sq. ft. of showroom.

**Discovery Center.* This is an interactive hands-on science center for all ages. Imagine, create, have fun and learn with hundreds of exhibits that explore physics, chemistry, energy, health and culture in an environmentally friendly building.

**Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.* 22,000 sq. ft. museum filled with Missouri sports history.

**Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield.* Fought on August 10, 1861, the battle of Wilson’s Creek was a pivotal battle in Missouri and the 2nd major battle of the Civil War. 2,500 Union and Confederate soldiers were killed, wounded or missing in five hours of intense fighting. Walking trails, visitor center and a self-guided tour road allows visitors to view the battlegrounds. The National Cemetery, where many of these fallen soldiers now rest is located on South Glenstone.

For a complete listing of things to do, shopping, dining & entertainment, events & festivals, and complete maps go to www.SpringfieldMO.org and request the 2012 Official Springfield Area Visitors Guide.

Springfield, MO at a glance

We are easy to get here...

Springfield is served by Interstate 44 which connects the city with St. Louis, Missouri and Tulsa, Oklahoma. Route 13 (Kansas Expressway) carries traffic north towards Kansas City, Missouri. U.S. Route 60, U.S. Route 65, and U.S. Route 160 pass through the city. Formerly U.S. Route 66 passed through Springfield, and sections of historic US 66 can still be seen in the city. Springfield is also the site of the first diverging diamond interchange within the United States.

Springfield-Branson National Airport (SGF) serves the city with direct flights to 12 cities with multiple daily flights. It is the principal air gateway to the Springfield region. The terminal includes 275,000 square feet, 10 gates (expandable to 60) and 1,826 parking spaces. Direct connections from Springfield are available to Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Las Vegas, Memphis, Minneapolis, Orlando, Phoenix, St. Louis, Tampa and Los Angeles.

We are known for many things including...



Bass Pro Outdoor World



Wilson's Creek National Battlefield



Fantastic Caverns



Hammons Field
Home to the Cardinals
& the MO State Bears



Springfield Cardinals
St. Louis Cardinals AA Team



Discovery Center



Springfield Downtown
"Enjoy the food and nightlife"

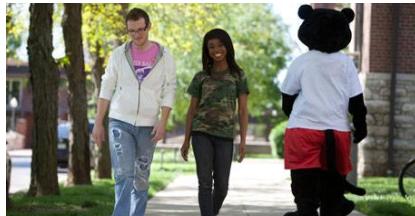


Missouri Sports Hall of Fame



Many public and private
Golf Courses

We are known for our education including...



We are known for our sports facilities including...



Killian Softball Stadium & Complex, your tournament location



Springfield Hall of Fame



Your National Championship Tournament Staff

Tournament Director:	Mark Nelson	mnelson@springfieldmo.gov	417-837-5817
	ASA Representative:	TBD	
	ASA UIC:	TBD	
	Umpire Coordinator:	TBD	
	Staff Coordinator:	TBD	

Lodging during your tournament...

RAMADA OASIS HOTEL \$78.00 + tax (Includes "Full Hot Breakfast Buffet")	2546 N. Glenstone	Springfield, MO 65803	(417)866-5253
BAYMONT INN & SUITES \$72.00 + tax (includes "Hot Breakfast")	3776 S. Glenstone	Springfield, MO 65804	(417)889-8188
GREEN STAY HOTEL & SUITES \$72.00 + tax (includes "Hot Breakfast")	222 N. Ingram Mill Rd.	Springfield, MO 65802	(417)863-1440
BEST WESTERN COACH HOUSE \$72.00 + tax (includes "Hot Breakfast")	2535 N. Glenstone	Springfield, MO 65803	(417)862-0701
LAMPLIGHTER INN NORTH \$65.00 + tax (includes "Hot Breakfast")	2820 N. Glenstone	Springfield, MO 65803	(417)869-3900
ARBOR SUITES MEDICAL MILE \$65.00 + tax (includes "Hot Breakfast")	1260 E. Independence	Springfield, MO 65804	(417)886-5090
BEST WESTERN RT. 66 RAIL HAVEN \$65.00 + tax (includes "Hot Breakfast")	203 S. Glenstone	Springfield, MO 65802	(417)886-1963
DAYS INN SOUTH \$75.00 tax (includes "Hot Breakfast")	621 W. Sunshine	Springfield, MO 65807	(417) 862-0153

Pre-Tournament Deadlines...

- Entry Deadline:** July 22, 2015; 5:00 p.m.
- Entry Fee:** \$450 – Make checks payable to: Springfield ASA, 1923 N. Weller, Springfield MO 65803
Completed ASA National Championship Entry Form (signed by commissioner) and fee
ASA Championship Roster Form (signed by commissioner)
- Pool-Play Draw:** Monday, July 27, 2015 – Tournament bracket with
Game times will be posted to the www.springfieldsoftball.com website

Admission to the tournament...

Coaches Passes: Passes will be distributed to **three** coaches/managers. **All participants must be in uniform top to gain entrance to the softball complex.** The passes will be distributed at the manager's check-in through their packet. We do not allow bat persons, scorekeepers, or more than three coaches/managers free admittance. Additional tournament passes can be purchased at check-in.

Tournament Passes: All spectators (12 & under is FREE), coaches, managers & vendors must have a pass to enter the complex. Wednesday is FREE to everyone including opening ceremonies.

Daily Passes: \$6.00 per day (Daily passes are Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

Tournament Passes: \$20.00 (Good for Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

Schedule at a glance...

- Monday, July 27, 2015** Tournament bracket with Game times will be posted to the www.springfieldsoftball.com website Monday, July 27, 2015 (**Double elimination draw immediately after pool play ends**)
- Wednesday July 29** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. / 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Team Check-in, bat check, player check-in at the Killian Softball Complex
- 3:00 p.m., Manager's meeting at the Cooper Tennis Complex. Adjacent to the softball complex Manager's Attendance Required. Tournament draw and rules will be discussed at this mandatory meeting for managers. Food will be provided for one team manager. An additional 50 total people may be admitted to the meal for \$10 each with a prior reservation. Contact the tournament director for a reservation
- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Team Pin Exchange at the Killian Sports Complex
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Opening Ceremonies at the Killian Softball Stadium plus gift exchange.
- Thursday July 30** 8:00 a.m. Opening pool-play games at the Killian Softball Complex
- Friday July 31** Pool-play games continue at the Killian Softball Complex (if needed), double elimination draw following pool play completion. Double elimination begins immediately after draw. (Unless all pool play ends on Thursday)

General Information...

Pin Exchange: Being held 3 – 7 pm Wednesday is a time for individuals to exchange team lapel pins with other teams. Tournament lapel pins will be available to purchase at this time.

Gift Exchange; It is customary to have a gift exchange between teams. Each girl and two managers will exchange with a designated team at opening ceremonies. Please plan for 18 players and 2 managers. Suggested gifts are under \$5 and usually are unique to your area. Suggestions include food items, nick-nacks or T-shirts. **Teams need to notify me if they intend to participate in this exchange.**

Opening Ceremonies: We encourage teams to bring their state flags, team banners and signs. They must wear their uniform or alternative team spirit attire. Teams should report to Field #1 outfield no later than 5:00 p.m.

Awards: ASA Code 306 dictates the awards based on the number of teams entered.

Format: Two pool-play games and double elimination is the standard format specified by ASA.

Draw Procedure: Article 311 of the ASA Code governs the draw. The pool play draw will be done in advance of teams arriving. The national ASA office strongly suggests pool draws be done in advance to give teams advanced notice. Double elimination brackets are determined immediately after all pool play is completed.

Uniforms: All players competing at the Nationals shall properly wear uniforms that are alike in color, trim, and style. Short or long pants may be mixed. Coaches must be neatly attired or dressed in team uniform in accordance with the color code of the team. Please see the ASA official playing rules – Rule 3, Section 6 for complete information.

Equipment: Equipment must be in accordance with the ASA Rule Book. **Chin straps must be worn properly.** In accordance with ASA Code 310C, all softball bats will be tested by the Barrel Compression Test Machine.

Line-Ups: Tournament officials will provide line-up cards for each team. An official line-up must be submitted to the scorekeeper at least 15 minutes prior to the game scheduled time.

Game Times: Please follow the times listed on the tournament bracket. Game time is forfeit time. Teams should be prepared to start a game once the preceding games are completed. There is a 1 hour and 40 minute time limit in pool-play and elimination play (exception: no time limit during the winners and losers bracket final game). No inning shall start after the 1 hour 40 minutes has expired.

Infield Practice/Pre-Tournament Practice: No infield practice will be permitted. Warm-up is allowed in designated areas only. Teams may warm up in the outfield fence beyond the portable fencing is time permits. Teams are not allowed to warm up beyond in the outfields once games begin on that field. Teams wishing to practice prior to July 30 may reserve a practice field by calling (417) 837-5817 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cooper youth sports complex will be used for practices.

Bench Area: Players, coaches, sponsors and a bat person are the only individuals allowed in the bench area. Adults must have the ASA background check card on them.

Protests: The tournament committee will decide all protests. As manager, please be familiar with rules of the game including proper protest procedures. See ASA playing rule 9.

Run Rule: Run Rule is 15 runs after three innings; 12 runs after four innings; and 8 runs after five innings.

Rain Delay: In the event of rain or any cause which interrupts a game, the game must be resumed at the exact point where it was stopped. It is the manager's responsibility to call the rain information hotline (417-864-1379), or visit the tournament director for re-scheduled game information.

Team Seating: The team at the top of the bracket will use the first base dugout. The team listed on the bottom of the bracket will use the third base dugout.

Game Rules: All playing rules and regulations for the tournament will be governed by the 2015 ASA Official Guide and Rulebook. New Rule for 2015: please read over Rule 4 Sec. 1 D (2A) and Rule 7 Sec. 2E concerning pool batting of your line-up.

Conduct: Managers and coaches are asked to have complete control of their players, parents, and supporting spectators both on and off the field. The tournament committee will deal with any reports of damage by hotel management. Spectators that become abusive or generally vulgar to umpires, opposing players, or fans will be handled in a three-step process: First, notification to the manager at a breaking point in the game; second, direct warning to the violator(s); and third, suspension of the game and ejection of the individual from the facility within a two-minute time period.

Eligibility: Please see the 2015 ASA Code Article 301 for clarifications and interpretations.

Souvenirs: Souvenirs will be available throughout the weekend.

The Siblings "Movie Madness": We plan on giving the siblings of the players something special by having movie madness. Some of their favorite movies will be playing each day. A flyer will be available at check-in with movie selection and movie times.

Team Photos: Complete information will be available at the check-in. Team photos and Opening Ceremony pictures will be available to purchase.

Note: COMPLEX RULES...refreshment coolers, skates (roller or blades), outside food, roller scooters, bikes; skateboards ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE COMPLEX. Water cooler filled with water, and ice will be in every dugout. On the outside of the complex there is a large park surrounding the complex with a lot of open space. It is a great location for teams to set up camp with their refreshment coolers and tents.

Pets must be on leashes at all times. You are required to pick up after your pet!!

Tobacco & alcohol are **NOT** permitted inside the complex and **alcohol** is also not permitted in the parking lots or park!!!!!! **City of Springfield, MO ordinance.**

Softball Complex: Killian Softball Stadium & Complex, 2141 E. Pythian, Springfield MO

Tournament Format: Four Game – Two pool games into ASA double elimination

Tournament Awards: Per ASA Code

Tournament Website: www.springfieldsoftball.com

Check-in Information...

The following is required at the time of check-in for the National Tournament.

- Teams must have one coach that is ACE Certified on the field or in the dugout with you at all times
- Coaches must show their ACE Certification card at time of check-in
- All dugout personnel must be ASA Background Checked
- You must have individual registration with insurance or proof of team insurance through Bollinger Insurance
- Your players will check in with their ASA photo IDs or a birth certificate with an attached photo (or other form of photo ID) and sign the Tournament Signature Form the day check-in ONLY.
- All softball bats must be checked in prior to the start of the tournament. They will receive a sticker to show that they are legal through the compression machine. Umpires will continue to check bats and helmets prior to their game.
- You will receive managers packet that includes information on the coaches meeting, players feast, opening ceremonies, Springfield, and 3 coaches passes.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS HOSTED BY THE SPRINGFIELD ASA

Held at Meador Softball Complex

Men's Major Fast Pitch	1967
Men's Major Fast Pitch	1969
Men's Major Fast Pitch	1971
Men's Major Fast Pitch	1978
Women's Major Fast Pitch	1979
Boy's 16 - 18 Fast Pitch	1980
Women's Major Slow Pitch	1985
Men's Major Fast Pitch	1987
Men's 40 & Over Fast Pitch	1991
Men's 45 & Over Fast Pitch	1995
Men's 40 & Over Slow Pitch	1996
Men's 45 & Over Fast Pitch	1997
Women's "A" Fast Pitch	1999
Men's 45 & Over Fast Pitch	2008

Held at Cooper Youth Sports Complex

Girl's 14 & Under Slow Pitch	1994
Girl's 14 & Under Slow Pitch	1997

Held at Killian Sports Complex

Men's "A" Industrial Slow Pitch	1988
Coed Class "A" Slow Pitch	1998
Men's "B" Fast Pitch	2000
Girl's 10 & Under "B" West FP	2000
Girl's 10 & Under "B" West FP	2002
Girl's 14 & Under "B" West FP	2003
Girl's 16 & Under "B" West FP	2004
Girl's 12 & Under "A" Northern FP	2006
Girl's 10 & Under "A" Northern FP	2006
Girl's 10 & Under "B" Northern FP	2007
Girl's 12 & Under "B" Northern FP	2008
Girl's 12 & Under "B" Northern FP	2008
Girl's 14 & Under "B" Northern FP	2008
Women's "C" Slow Pitch	2009
Men's 40 & Over Fast Pitch	2009
Men's E Slow Pitch Northern	2011
Girl's 14 & Under "B" Northern FP	2012
Men's D Slow Pitch Northern	2013
Girl's 18 & Under "A" Northern FP	2015

James Farrell ASA Awards of Excellence:

1997, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006 (2), 2007, 2008 (3), 2009 (2), 2011, 2012, 2013

TEAM MANAGERS / COACHES INFORMATION

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Please complete and return this form when you check in, no later than the managers Meeting.

Please Print

Team Name: _____

Manager's Name: _____ Cell #: _____

Hotel Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Room #: _____

Coach's Name: _____ Cell #: _____

Hotel Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Room #: _____

Coaches Name: _____ Cell #: _____

Hotel Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Room #: _____

If you are commuting

Team Name: _____

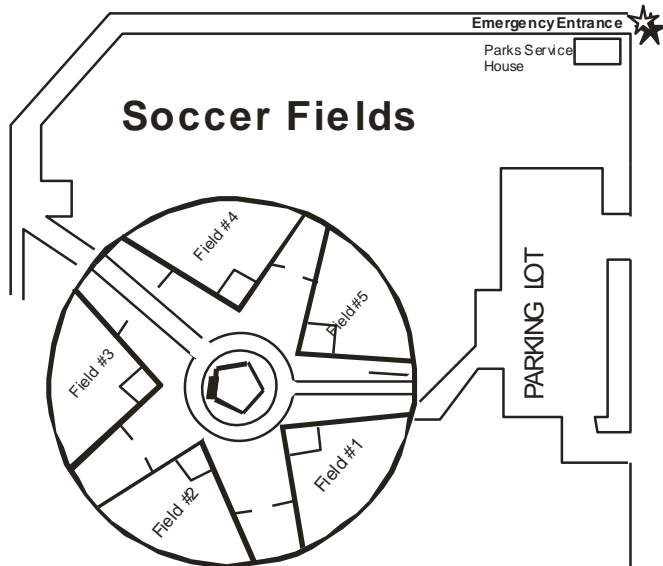
Manager's Name: _____ Cell #: _____

Day Phone #: _____ Evening Phone #: _____



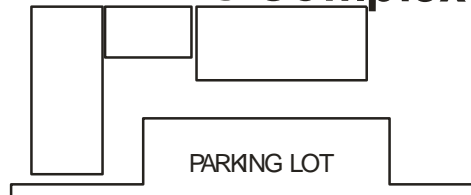
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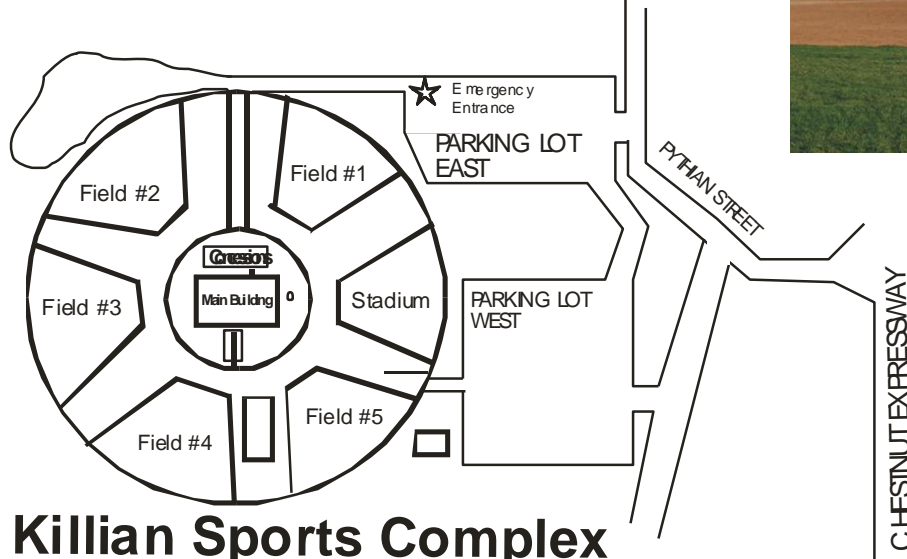


Cooper Youth Sports Complex

Cooper Tennis Complex



Soccer Fields



Killian Sports Complex



2015 Age Chart

Birth Year	18U	16U	14U	12U	10U
1996					
1997					
1998					
1999					
2000					
2001					
2002					
2003					
2004					
2005					
2006					
2007					

Per ASA Code: Player's age as of Dec. 31st determines the age in which player is eligible to play the following year

Shaded area shows eligible level for players born in that year.